

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:128

ANSWERED ON:04.03.2016

De-Worming

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether a large number of school children which were administered deworming tablets complained of uneasiness and nausea in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the sources of procuring these de-worming tablets by the States;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any preliminary investigations regarding the supply of allegedly outdated/ spurious de-worming tablets, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the further action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b). As per available information from the States, a total of 20.16 crore children in 30 States/UTs were administered de-worming tablets during National Deworming Day 10th February ,2016 and 737 children experienced mild nausea and vomiting. The details of mild adverse events State/UT wise and the sources of procuring albendazole tablets, State/UT wise, are placed at Annexure.

(c) & (d). Albendazole is a very safe drug but 1-2 percent of the children may develop mild side effects in the form of nausea and vomiting. These side effects are particularly common in children having high load of worm infestation. The side effects are generally self limiting. Government of India has not received any report on use of allegedly outdated/spurious de-worming tablets. However, the States have a regular system of checking samples of drugs, including albendazole tablets after procurement, as a routine quality control measure.